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Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-1043 (Sub-No. 2)
Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, Ltd.
--Abandonment Exemption--
In Aroostook County, Maine

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to clarify a statement in the Combined Environmental and Historic report for STB Docket No. AB-1043(Sub-No.2), Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd., Abandonment Exemption, in Aroostook County, ME.

Section (3), i, Land use: states that 'According to the Maine State Planning Office, the proposed abandonment is consistent with existing land use plans'. In the State Planning Office letter, dated November 17, 2010, to James Howard, Esq. included as Exhibit C in the above referenced filing, we indicated that there are no pertinent state or county land use plans. We also indicated that the relevant land use plan is that developed by town of Van Buren and suggested to Mr. Howard that he ask the town of Van Buren to determine consistency or lack thereof between the town comprehensive plan and the proposed abandonment.

Thank you for your consideration of this clarification. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at elizabeth.hertz@maine.gov or 207-624-6220.

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cc: Thomas R. Cannon
James E. Howard